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SUBJ: BOKASSA THREATENS TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
COUNTRIES SUPPORTING AGGRESSION IN ZAIRE AND CHAD

1. WITHOUT NAMING ANY COUNTRIES SPECIFICALLY, EMPEROR BOKASSA
IN A RADIO STATEMENT MAY 18 CRITICIZED THE "ODIOUS AND
BARBAROUS" AGGRESSION AGAINST NEIGHBORING ZAIRE AND CHAD. A
SERIOUS STUDY OF THE SITUATION WOULD BE MADE AND THOSE COUNTRIES
SUPPORTING THE AGGRESSION WOULD BE THROWN OUT OF THE CONTINENT,
HE SAID. BOKASSA SPECIFIED THAT THE CAE WOULD BREAK DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH SUCH COUNTRIES. HE APPEALED TO COUNTRIES AROUND
THE WORLD TO AID ZAIRE AND CHAD TO RECOVER THEIR TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY AND TO RENDER THE AGGRESSORS HARMLESS. EARLIER, HE
ORDERED THE MOBILIZATION OF ALL SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE
TO AID BY ALL MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL THEIR BLOOD BROTHER
PRESIDENT MOBUTU OF ZAIRE AND THE ZAIRIAN PEOPLE.

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2. COMMENT: BOKASSA HAS BEEN BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED
ABOUT THE SITUATION IN CHAD AND ZAIRE. HE HAS TIMED HIS BRIEF
BUT STRONGLY WORDED STATEMENT TO FALL ALMOST ON THE EVE OF THE
FRANCOPHONE SUMMIT, WHICH BEGINS IN PARIS MAY 22. LAST YEAR
HE WAS READY TO SEND AT LEAST A TOKEN CONTINGENT OF TROOPS
TO ZAIRE, AND HE WILL PRESUMABLY MAKE THE SAME OFFER AGAIN

THIS TIME. IT IS CLEAR THAT HE IS MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE
SITUATION THERE THAN ABOUT THE REBELLION IN CHAD, WHERE HE
DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME CLOSE TIES THAT HE HAS WITH PRESIDENT
MOBUTU.
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